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### NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an indictment<sup>1</sup> charging Richard Maden with conspiracy, bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft.

According to the indictment, from April 2007 through February 2008, Maden, with other individuals, used fraudulent identification to cash counterfeit checks from the bank accounts of customers of Citizens Bank.

Maden acted as a “check-runner,” an individual who posed as a bank customer to cash fraudulent checks made payable to that customer. The loss sustained by Citizens Bank in connection with this fraud totaled in excess of \$97,000.00.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

| NAME          | ADDRESS          | AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| RICHARD MADEN | Philadelphia, PA | 42                   |

If convicted of the conspiracy, Maden faces a statutory maximum sentence of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment per count. If convicted of bank fraud, Maden faces a statutory maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and a special assessment of \$100. If convicted of aggravated identity theft, Maden faces a statutory mandatory sentence of 2 years imprisonment, to be served consecutively to any sentence imposed for the bank fraud or conspiracy.

The case was jointly investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the U.S. Secret Service. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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